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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST  
COCAINE ORGANIZATION**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that the following persons were indicted late yesterday by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, following an Organized Crime Drug Task Force investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Safe Streets Task Force, Indianapolis Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department and the Chicago Police Department.

ROGER RUCKER, age 39, Chicago, Illinois

PRENTICE DAVIS, age 28, Marion County Jail

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DRAMANE JOHNSON, age 22, Marion County Jail

COREY STALLWORTH, age 29, Marion County Jail

SHAMUS TAYLOR, age 23, Marion County Jail

HERMAN CHEERS, JR., age 31, Marion County Jail

IDRIS TAYLOR, age 26, Marion County Jail

DEWAYNE LUSTER, age 31, Marion County Jail

The indictment alleges that law enforcement officers uncovered a conspiracy in which the members of the conspiracy trafficked cocaine from Chicago, Illinois into Indianapolis, Indiana for distribution as powder and “crack” cocaine base.

In addition to the conspiracy charge, additional offenses were charged against the following defendants:

RUCKER and DAVID were also charged with possession with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing cocaine. In addition, DAVIS was charged with possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, commonly referred to as “crack”, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. JOHNSON was charged additionally with possession with intent to distribute approximately 63.1 grams of a mixture or substance containing cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute approximately 62.8 grams of a mixture or substance containing cocaine. TAYLOR was also charged with possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, commonly

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referred to as “crack,” and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Melanie C. Conour, who is prosecuting the case for the government, the defendants face a range of sentences.

RUCKER faces a maximum possible prison sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$8,000,000 on each charge for the conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, and the possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

DAVIS and the remaining defendants charged in Count 1 with the conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine face a maximum possible prison sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$4,000,000. DAVIS faces the same penalties for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession with intent to distribute crack. DAVIS also faces a possible prison sentence of 5 years consecutive to any other prison sentence and a maximum fine of \$250,000 for possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

In addition to the penalties JOHNSON faces on conspiracy, he also faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$1,000,000 for each of the two counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

TAYLOR, in addition to the penalties he faces on conspiracy, he also faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000 for the possession with intent to distribute crack, and a maximum possible prison sentence of 5 years consecutive to any other prison sentence and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for

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possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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